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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., N.E. Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Ms. Bose: **Docket No. CP07-44-000, CP07-45-000**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Southeast Supply Header Project. The purpose of the project is to provide new transportation capacity that significantly enhances access to reliable, onshore natural gas supplies to serve growing demand in the southeast.

Although the FEIS fully addressed EPA's comments on the DEIS, at the request of our associated reviewer, EPA Region 4, we are providing the following additional comments to be incorporated in the Record of Decision Document (ROD). The comments are as follows:

Wetlands: While it is appropriate that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) perform the wetland and stream functional assessments, it is recommended that, at a minimum, the resource agencies (Fish and Wildlife Service and EPA) be able to review and comment on the COE's assessment scores.

Environmental Justice (EJ): Although socioeconomics are addressed, the EIS should more directly address EJ. The proposed project does cross areas with minority and low-income populations; however, the document does not reference E.O. 12898 regarding "Federal Actions to Address EJ in Minority and Low Income Populations". For future reference, the FERC alternatives analysis should consider impacts on potential EJ populations (much like any other impacts) in the routing of pipeline alignments during their avoidance and minimization process. R4 recommends that the FERC staff consider the approaches in the EPA website (www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/nepa/index/html), EPA R4's interim EJ guidance, and other documents in the development of a usable EJ analysis procedure for their pipeline and other proposed projects.

Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment on the Final EIS. Please send us one copy of the ROD.

Sincerely yours,

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